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King invites Nigerian president

LAGOS (Petra) — Speaker of Jordan's Upper House of Parliament Bahjat Al Talhouni met here with Nigerian President Shehu Shagari and conveyed to him an invitation from His Majesty King Hussein to visit Jordan. President Shagari thanked King Hussein for the invitation and said he looked forward to the visit as soon as possible. During the meeting Mr. Talhouni briefed the Nigerian president on the Middle East situation in general and the struggle of the Palestinian people against Israel's oppressive measures. He also reviewed with the president Jordanian-Nigerian friendly ties. Mr. Talhouni is in Lagos to attend the Inter-Parliamentary Union meetings.

Soviet Muslims condemn attack on Al Aqsa Mosque

MOSCOW (Petra) — Soviet Muslims have voiced their strong condemnation of the bloody Israeli crime at Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem last Sunday. A statement issued here by the four Soviet Muslim denominations said that the crime clearly reflects the inhuman Israeli ideology and its criminal policies as well as violations of international laws. The statement called on Muslims and other religions to raise their voices in protest against the U.S.-supported Israeli repressive measures in the occupied Arab territories.

Arabs stage protest in Bonn

BONN (R) — About 4,000 demonstrators staged an anti-Israeli rally in Bonn Saturday to protest against last Sunday's attack on Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem by an Israeli soldier in which two people died and dozens were injured. Police said the rally, organised by Arab students, passed off without incident.

N. Ireland farmer killed in ambush

BELFAST (A.P.) — Four gunmen wounded a farmer from ambush early Saturday then shot him to death as he tried to crawl away from them, authorities said. The gunman apparently believed he was a part-time soldier, but the victim was just a farmer, authorities said. Authorities said the gunman waited all night in a neighbouring house holding the occupant's hostage until William Morrison, 42, began feeding his cattle on his farm in Middletown, in County Armagh. Mr. Morrison was badly wounded in the first salvo but managed to crawl about 30 metres toward his house before the gunman poured more bullets into his body. Mr. Morrison's 80-year-old mother with whom he lived rushed from the house on hearing the shots but her son was dead when she reached his body. No organisation claimed responsibility but police theorised that it was the work of the Irish Republican Army which is fighting to oust the British from his province and unite it with the Irish Republic.

N. Yemeni rebels offer ceasefire

ADEN (R) — Leftist North Yemeni insurgents Saturday proposed terms for a ceasefire in their three-year-old guerrilla war with the government in Sanaa. The South Yemeni-backed National Democratic Front (NDF) said the offer was aimed at facilitating a dialogue with the government of President Ali Abdullah Saleh to reach a political solution to the dispute. The NDF, which is based in the South Yemeni capital of Aden, has been pressing for general elections and the elimination of what it regards as strong Saudi Arabian influence in North Yemen. Lt. Col. Saleh's government has denounced them as a band of outlaws. A statement by the NDF said the front was prepared to halt hostilities provided the government withdraws its troops to barracks, stops all arrests and ends what it called mobilisation for war.

Possibilities reportedly fade for peaceful solution for Falklands

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Negotiations by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig to end the Falkland (Malvinas) Islands crisis peacefully may have reached a stalemate, high Argentine government officials said Saturday.

That gloomy assessment came as Mr. Haig met President Leopoldo Galtieri and other members of the ruling military junta in another attempt to persuade Argentina to withdraw some 9,000 troops from the South Atlantic islands which it occupied on April 2.

The Argentine officials told Reuters Saturday the government considered unacceptable a proposal by Mr. Haig that the troops be withdrawn and a temporary Argentine-British-U.S. government take over the Falklands pending Anglo-Argentine negotiations on their future.

Britain has vowed to take the islands back by force if necessary and a major British fleet now sailing southward is believed to be about a week from the Falklands, located 650 kilometres off the coast of Argentina. British submarines have already mounted a sea blockade of the islands.

The plan would send the British fleet home, but it would also force Argentina to give up — at least temporarily — sovereignty over the islands it has claimed for 150 years, the officials said.

Press reports here have indicated that Argentina was demanding permanent sovereignty over the islands, even during any negotiations with Britain. But diplomatic sources said that was almost cer-

tainly unacceptable in current circumstances to the government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Meanwhile in London, Mrs. Thatcher awaited word of progress in U.S. mediation efforts.

While she waited, the government reinforced the naval fleet assigned the task of restoring British rule to the colony, if diplomacy fails.

Military authorities requisitioned the *Orion*, a North Sea ferry that plies between Hull and the Dutch port of Rotterdam, to back up the armada heading into South Atlantic waters.

Some 26 merchant vessels have now been requisitioned or chartered and pressed into service with the navy.

A defence ministry spokesman refused to disclose the ferry's military role beyond saying it was a sturdy ship ideal for the rough conditions likely to be met in the South Atlantic.

A spokesman for Mrs. Thatcher said the British government did not know whether Mr. Haig would be coming here after completing talks in Argentina. The British defence ministry would not comment Saturday on a report by the Press Association, Britain's national news agency, that Washington was considering a request from the Argentine government to supply spy satellite pictures of the British task force.

But a spokesman for the U.S. embassy in London denied that the United States was supplying Argentina with satellite or any other kind of intelligence about British naval movements.

Beirut guns go silent as leaders seek concrete solution to fighting

BEIRUT (Agencies) — A truce between feuding militias in Lebanon appeared to be generally holding Saturday after six days of street battles which left 79 persons dead and 194 wounded in the fiercest factional fighting this year, police and witnesses said.

The battles in the capital of Beirut and South Lebanon pitted leftists of the National Movement against the pro-Iranian Shi'ite militia known as Amal, or hope in Arabic. In some areas, Palestinians engaged in fighting Amal but Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) remained neutral.

PLO Chairman Arafat joined Amal leader Nabih Berri, National Movement leader Walid Jumblatt and Syrian and Lebanese officials in a lengthy meeting designed to bring about a permanent military standdown.

Fighting raged until dawn Saturday, concentrating in slum districts south of Beirut where high-velocity artillery and rocket barrages set scores of dwellings afire and killed 20 persons and injured 45, according to police figures.

The hull in the fighting as the politicians sought a solution allowed fire engines to quell the blazes. Lebanon's Red Cross and Red Crescent appealed on radios to militiamen on both sides to stop sniping at ambulances so victims could be taken to hospitals.

Syrian troops, part of a 22,000-man peacekeeping force in Lebanon under an Arab League mandate, separated warring private armies in some sections of Beirut while in South Lebanon United Nations troops from Norway and Senegal were deployed between



Lebanese Communist militiamen keep watch in a Beirut suburb Friday after a ceasefire was arranged (A.P. wirephoto)

battling groups in some areas while PLO units acted as buffers in other locations.

A U.N. official, who declined to be named, said the fighting began in South Lebanon in Saksikieh near the Mediterranean coast 57 kilometres west of Beirut last week when a local Amal member was shot dead at a checkpoint manned by gunmen of the Communist Party, which is a member of the 13-group National Movement coalition. Amal militiamen later attacked the communist checkpoint and the clashes spread.

In the Bourj Al Barajneh town on the southern outskirts of Beirut, Palestinians told reporters they had no desire to get involved in the factional battles.

Rajavi calls on Iranian army to turn guns on Khomeini

BEIRUT (A.P.) — Iran's chief opposition leader, Massoud Rajavi, on Saturday urged Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's army to turn their guns on the revolutionary leader and his forces instead of the Kurdish people.

In a statement issued in Paris and telephoned to the Associated Press in Beirut, Mr. Rajavi, leader of the underground Mujahedeen-e-Khalq organisation, also said that two bombs exploded Tuesday near Ayatollah Khomeini's residence in northern Tehran. The statement said the bombs went off at dawn in a building where Ayatollah Khomeini's offices are located.

Mr. Rajavi's group did not claim responsibility for the alleged bombing and merely was "reporting the incident," said the spokesman for his office who did not wish to be named.

An official at the ayatollah's office, however, denied there was any blast at the offices of the religious leader who turned 82 last Wednesday.

Mr. Rajavi "warned" Iranian army personnel and all those

who are crushing the people of Kurdistan, to join the resistance forces of direct your arms against Khomeini and his forces."

Mr. Rajavi and ousted President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr formed a resistance council last summer after Ayatollah Khomeini fired Mr. Bani-Sadr.

Kurdish rebels in western and northwestern provinces of Iran have been fighting the Tehran government for some degree of self-rule. They have been engaged in numerous clashes with Khomeini forces, the latest of which was reported Friday.

The state-run Tehran Radio said Friday that the Iranian army rocketed rebel strongholds near Saeq in Kurdistan Province and that ground forces and units of the revolutionary guards purged several Kurdish-populated villages near Baneh, also in Kurdistan and Sardasht in Western Azerbaijan Province.

More than 125 rebels recently died in clashes with Khomeini forces in other parts of Kurdish-populated regions in northwestern Iran, according to the radio.

Police continue crackdown on Shariat-Madari

LONDON (R) — Iranian security forces have arrested another relative of Ayatollah Khomeini, the country's second most senior spiritual leader and an opponent of Ayatollah Khomeini, in the second raid on his house this week.

Exiled members of the Ayatollah's family told Reuters by telephone from Hamburg that his son-in-law, named Esmami, and several other people were taken away during the raid in the holy city of Qom.

The others were released after four hours of interrogation, but the son-in-law was detained.

Four days ago another son-in-law of the ayatollah, Ahmad Abbasi, was arrested in Qom.

In the latest raid Ayatollah Shariat-Madari's Islamic school and publishing house were occupied and seized, the relatives said.

The ayatollah, who is reported to be unwell, has been virtually confined to his home for more than two years.

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Prime minister lauds council

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran told the National Consultative Council (NCC) Saturday that it is by no means a substitute for parliament, but its members have played a role "no less important than that of parliament."

Addressing an extraordinary NCC meeting, the last in the council's current session, Mr. Badran said the government was proud to have dealt with the NCC regardless of the nature of topics discussed or whether consensus of opinion eventually resulted from these dealings.

The government had several times agreed or disagreed with the NCC on a variety of topics that came up for discussion, but eventually the government used to take the NCC's recommendations into account based on the belief that the true principles of democracy should be applied in such practice, the prime minister said.

He said that the NCC has by a great degree achieved many of the country's aspirations and offered its citizens the best possible service.

During the session, which was attended by cabinet ministers, the NCC endorsed a draft amendment

to the health law and referred an amended awqaf draft law to the NCC's legal committee.

During a discussion of the draft income tax law, NCC Member Taher Hikmat proposed that further discussion of the draft should be referred to the new NCC setup in accordance with normal parliamentary regulations the NCC endorsed this proposal.

At the end of the session, NCC President Ahmad Al Tarawneh expressed the council's deep appreciation to His Majesty King Hussein for his confidence in and encouragement of the NCC and its efforts.

"King Hussein's encouragement had been instrumental in our work and in increasing our efforts to serve our country," Mr. Tarawneh said.

Mr. Tarawneh also paid tribute to the role of the government, which, he said, "cooperated closely with the NCC to serve the



NCC Member Jawdat Shboul raises his hand to speak during Saturday's council session in Amman (Photo by Yousef Al Allan)

Jordanian people."

"The government's acceptance of most of our recommendations and decisions as well as its response to NCC proposals and co-operation to solve various issues had been very fruitful and constructive, and helped to promote NCC functions," Mr. Tarawneh said.

Stoessel 'confident' on Sinai withdrawal

CAIRO (A.P.) — U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Walter Stoessel, on a special mission to save the Egyptian-Israeli pact, expressed optimism Saturday that the Israeli evacuation from Sinai will be on time and last-minute snags will be resolved.

He made the remarks to reporters after 90-minute meeting with Egypt's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali, and a joint conference with the Egyptian and American delegations.

Mr. Stoessel, a 62-year-old career diplomat had talks in Israel before coming to Cairo to discuss five problems which have surfaced this month.

The disputes jeopardise the U.S.-mediated Camp David accords by threatening to delay the final evacuation of Israel from Sinai April 25.

"I continue to be confident—on the basis of my talks here and in occupied Jerusalem—that the existing problems will be resolved sat-

Eanes assails South African attacks on Angolan land

LUANDA (R) — President Antonio Ramalho Eanes of Portugal has said his country, as a member of the NATO alliance, strongly condemns South African attacks on Angola.

Speaking at an official banquet given by Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, Gen. Eanes also appealed to justify the controversial presence of Cuban troops in Angola, the former Portuguese colony given independence seven years ago.

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Brezhnev proposes meeting Reagan in Europe

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev has proposed a summit meeting with President Reagan this autumn, TASS news agency said Saturday.

Mr. Brezhnev said the summit should be well prepared and carried out in a "solid fashion."

"The meeting could take place in a third country, say Finland or Switzerland — of course, with the agreement of the relevant government. The suitable date, in my opinion, would be autumn. In October, for instance," Mr. Brezhnev said.

The 75-year-old Kremlin chief was replying to questions put by a correspondent of the Communist Party newspaper Pravda about President Reagan's recent proposal of a summit meeting in New York in June. His answers were published in advance by TASS.

Mr. Brezhnev recalled that he had proposed such a meeting at the Soviet Communist Party congress 14 months ago.

"To put it in more concrete terms, we are in favour of a Soviet-American summit which would be in keeping with the high responsibility of our states for the international situation and which would justify the hopes that would be laid upon it," Mr. Brezhnev added.

"This is my answer to the question. As I see it, it is quite clear and precise," he said.

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The closure of the 800-kilometre Iraqi pipeline was only two days after Iranian tankers started unloading crude at Syria's Banias terminal under a newly concluded economic pact between Iran and Syria.

The agreement provides for Iran to ship nine million tons of oil a year Syria in exchange for 800,000 tons of Syrian phosphates.

Syria is the staunchest supporter of Iran in its 18-month-old war against Iraq on the northern flank of the Arabian Gulf.

NATIONAL

Samira Kawar reviews book of Photographs from the Jordanian and Palestinian Heritage

The past comes to light

A BOOK with a glossy, olive green cover bearing a photograph of the Amman Nymphaeum in 1930 on one side and a Palestinian woman from Betounia on the other, recently appeared on the market in Amman. The book, which was compiled by retired Capt. Arselan Ramadan Bakig, is entitled *Photographs from the Jordanian and Palestinian Heritage*.

As the title suggests, the book contains 102 photos — the oldest dates back to 1900 while the most recent dates back to 1946 — depicting some aspects of Palestinian and Jordanian life, scenery and folklore as well as important historical events like the funeral of leader of the Great Arab revolt and Great Grandfather of His Majesty King Hussein, Al Hussein Ibn Ali in Jerusalem in 1924.

Capt. Ramadan told the Jordan Times that his main purpose in compiling his photos in a book was to show "the strong historical links between Jordan and Palestine." More importantly, Capt. Ramadan felt the necessity of some kind of work that would illustrate and preserve Palestinian heritage



Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem (above) was originally built by the Umayyad Caliph Al Walid Ibn Abdul Malik, during his reign from the year 86 to 96 A.H. (705 to 715 A.D.); the photograph was taken in 1926. Right: The Church of the Holy

Sepulchre which was originally built by Queen Helen, the mother of Byzantine Emperor Constantine the Great, in 335 A.D.; the photograph was taken in 1935.

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Jordanian army in 1948 when the war for Palestine broke out. He remained in the army throughout his career, and served as a member of the Royal Guard for 18 years until he retired in 1975.

One of the photos depicting the 1938 flood in Amman shows a gas lamp which was used to light the streets. Capt. Ramadan received his school education at Al Najah College in Nablus and joined the

said that the Prince's financial and moral support was an invaluable contribution to the project, which took about one year. Department of Antiquities Deputy Director Ghazi Bishah, who is a specialist in Islamic history, checked the historical background of the photos and revised their captions.

Multilingual work

The captions for the photos in the book are written in Arabic, English and French and give substantial information as to the subject matter of the photos. Nevertheless, they are not extended or detailed enough to attain the cumulative effect of a photographic essay. Moreover, the large, glossy black and white photos are not chronologically arranged in any way that would suggest a given historical train of events, nor are they juxtaposed in collage to enhance or contrast with one another. Hence, each photo stands alone on its merit, relating a tale of its own that is not a continuation of what preceded it nor an introduction for the following photo. Nevertheless, the book remains valuable in its own way as a documented photographic album which presents some aspects of Jordan and Palestine in the first part of the 20th century. Its importance derives mainly from the fact that many of the landmarks and features depicted in these photos have long since disappeared, and the presence of photos highlighting them has elevated them from oblivion to the attention of the public. Moreover, the book is an important example of the use of photographs as historical documents by virtue of its informative captions. The fact that these captions are written in Arabic, as well as in English and French, may well serve to alert the Jordanian public at large to the historical importance of photographs and may give rise to ideas of more work in that direction.

Ten thousand copies of the book have been printed. Most of them were acquired by the Armed Forces: Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline; the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities; the Ministry of Information; and several banks. The author says that copies will be distributed to interested government departments and individuals. Copies can also be bought from several bookshops.

Desert photos

Capt. Ramadan's next project is a photo exhibition of the Jordanian desert. The photos, all of which have been taken by him, are in colour and depict just about everything relating to the Jordanian desert, from landscape, plants, animals and birds to Bedouin inhabitants of Wadi Rum. Qa' Al Deissi and their way of life. The exhibition will be held in very near future in cooperation with the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities. Capt. Ramadan aspires to write a historical study of the Hashemites, which will include historical photos.



Above: A general view of King Talal Street in the centre of Amman in 1926 before telephone or electric poles came to Jordan. Below: A view



of the As-Sabti Bridge in Amman which is now the location of the present day Municipality building; the photo was taken in 1930.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Arab League to review activities

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan will take part in an Arab League seminar which will open in Tunis on April 28. The seminar, organised by the Arab League's Arab Unity Studies Centre will review 17 research projects dealing with various league activities, relations between Arab countries and the outside world, those of the Arab League and member nations and the status of the Arab League as a regional organisation. Taking part in the five-day seminar will be Syria, Algeria, Iraq, Lebanon, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Qatar, Kuwait, Morocco, Sudan, Egypt, Palestine as well as to Jordan.

Contacts with U.S. over new hospital

AMMAN (Petra) — Health Minister Zuhair Malhas returned to Amman Saturday evening at the end of a two-day visit to the United States. During the visit he toured teaching hospitals, medical centres and forensic medicine institutes, in preparation for establishing the projected Prince Hamza medical centre north east of here. He said that he had wide contacts with officials at a number of American universities with the possibility of training Jordanian personnel at American medical institutions.

RSS, Switzerland discuss cooperation

AMMAN (Petra) — Swiss Ambassador to Jordan Andre-Louis Vallon called at the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) Saturday and met with its Deputy Director Fakhri Al Daghstani. Dr. Daghstani briefed the ambassador on the RSS's development and future programmes as well as its contribution to Jordan's development. During the meeting they discussed implementing a Swiss Jordanian agreement under which Switzerland would offer technical assistance to the RSS. This will be in the form of supplying the RSS's chemistry and mechanical engineering departments with equipment and dispatching a Swiss team of experts to train RSS personnel in their use.

Admin. institute awards diplomas

AMMAN (Petra) — A two-week training course in management ended at the Institute of Public Administration Saturday. At the closing session Housing Bank General Director Zuhair Khouri gave a speech to the 18 participants from the Housing Bank in which he underlined the importance of such courses in creating a constant exchange of ideas which would be of benefit to participants. At the end of the session the institute's director Abdulla Ulayyan distributed diplomas to the participants.

Productivity evaluated at seminar

AMMAN (Petra) — A two-week seminar on production and productivity opened at the Institute of Public Administration Saturday, attended by twelve participants from Jordanian companies, industrial institutions and financial and scientific corporations. They will discuss subjects connected with production evaluation and policies and their relations to the national economy.

Ajloun schools hold annual celebration

AJLOUN (Petra) — Education Minister Sa'id Al Tal attended here Saturday an annual celebration by Ajloun district schools in which teaching aids, embroidery and other handicraft work by students were exhibited. The minister met with directors of schools in Ajloun District and spoke about their leading role in the education process. He also watched a play by school girls and a variety show by the district's scouts.

Jordanian ambassador to Moscow visits Soviet deputy minister

MOSCOW (Petra) — Jordan's ambassador to the Soviet Union Hani Al Khasawneh, in his capacity as dean of the Arab ambassadors, called on the deputy Soviet foreign minister here Thursday to brief him on Israel's continued acts of aggression against

the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab territories. They also discussed the recent shooting of Arab worshippers at Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem by an Israeli soldier which resulted in the killing of two people and the injuring of many others.

Today's weather

A khamisini depression now centred southwest of Cyprus, and moving east, will affect the country over the next 48 hours. So, the weather will be relatively warm and hazy with medium and high clouds. Winds will be southeasterly moderate freshening at times. Temperatures will drop in the afternoon and there will be a chance for local scattered showers. In Aqaba the weather will be hazy and cloudy. Wind will be northerly moderate with calm sea.

	Overnight low	Daytime high
Amman	15	23
Aqaba	18	32
Deserts	18	32
Jordan Valley	19	30

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Lebanese delegation arrives here Sunday

AMMAN (Petra) — A Lebanese delegation is due here Sunday on a visit to Jordan expected to last several days.

During the visit, the delegation, led by Dr. Zaki Al Mazidi will meet with a number of Jordanian officials to brief them on the situation in southern Lebanon and the dangers and threats facing the population there. The delegation members will also discuss ways of increasing Arab support and assistance to Lebanon to enable it to deal with the situation and the challenges confronting its people. The delegation has made a tour of the Arabian Gulf region on a similar mission.

7 government departments to be reorganised

AMMAN (Petra) — An agreement was signed here Saturday by which the consultancy firm Arthur Young & Co. will conduct a study to reorganise seven Jordanian government departments.

The departments in question are the Ministry of Finance, the departments of customs, income tax, land and survey, budget, the procurement department as well as the free zones corporation. Finance Minister Salem Masa'deh and the firm's director general signed the agreement.

Village Councils to expand services

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani spoke about Jordan's local government systems in a lecture which he delivered at the Jordan News Agency, Petra. Local government, is a means of offering all kinds of services to the public in an effective manner, the minister said. Such government has its own political, social, and administrative goals, the minister added.

Mr. Momani also referred to the role of local governments in his ministry's plans to expand municipal and village councils in the country. He said that over the past two years 90 village councils and 27 municipal councils were established in Jordan.

Mr. Momani also referred to the importance of control by the media and the people over local governments.

Madaba Council to establish artisans zone and central market

MADABA (Petra) — Madaba's municipal council has a plan for establishing a zone for artisans in the city at the cost of JD 100,000 and a 120-dunum tract of land has been purchased for the purpose, according to Madaba's Mayor Ahmad Al Azaydeh. The plan, he said, is expected to be implemented this year. In an interview with the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Mr. Azaydeh said that the municipality will also establish a central market place in Madaba at the cost of JD 28,000 for which a 10-dunum piece of land will be purchased. The money for the project, he added, has been borrowed from the Cities and Villages Development Bank.

Other projects to be implemented shortly include the establishment of a children's park, a cultural centre and a children's library which will be carried out in cooperation with Haya Arts Centre. These projects will cost JD 40,000 and land has already been

Ministers inspect flood disaster areas

AMMAN (Petra) — A team of top level officials Saturday made an inspection tour on Saturday of areas affected by the floods that occurred on Wednesday in the northern and eastern regions of the country. The team inspected agricultural areas, roads and bridges damaged by the floods as well as areas of Al Azraq, Al Umari, H-5, Mafrag, Al Azraq, Al Hallabat, Al Uthman, Al Mughir, Al Za'tari and Sama Al Sarhan. The

team comprised the ministers of interior, agriculture and public works as well as the director of Badia Police, district governors and heads of agricultural and public works departments in these regions. A full report on the situation in the affected areas will be submitted to cabinet. On Thursday the search was still in progress for missing victims of the flood, which left seven dead, many injured, and devastated wide areas of agricultural land.

Nine convicted of drug charges

AMMAN (Petra) — The military court passed prison sentences and imposed fines on eight men and a woman for trafficking or taking hashish.

Mohamed Yousef Yazeji will be imprisoned for 15 years with hard labour and will pay JD 3000, Suraya Shukashiro will be imprisoned for eight years and will pay JD 3000, Ahmad Abdul Qader Al Madhoun will be imprisoned for one year and will pay JD 50. Talaat Yusef Yazeji was sentenced in absentia to serve a life sentence with hard labour and will pay JD 5000.

Suggestions sought to raise standard of teaching Arabic

AMMAN (Petra) — A two-day seminar on Arabic language opened at the Jordan Academy of Arabic Saturday. Participants represent both Jordanian universities, the ministries of education, culture and youth, information and the several intellectuals. Addressing the opening session Head of the University of Jordan's Faculty of Arabic Abdul Karim Khalifa underlined the importance of the seminar which

he said was designed to deal with Arabic as a national language and "a means of enabling us to catch up with developed countries." Dr. Khalifa who is also the seminar chairman said that there is a general weakness among students of Arabic and it is hoped that the seminar will come up with positive suggestions to improve the method of teaching Arabic at school and university.

Agricultural development to be discussed in Arab seminar

AMMAN (Petra) — A seminar on cooperation among Arab states in agriculture will open here Monday. The three-day seminar, the first of its type to be held in Jordan will be attended by delegates from 10 Arab states. They will discuss cooperation in agriculture as a basic sector in development, especially the agricultural sector and the problems facing farming as well as ways to overcome them.

The participants will also discuss means of promoting cooperation among their countries in exchanging agricultural products, expertise, Arab agricultural integration and Arab food security.

Mr. Nabil Al Nabulsi said the delegates will represent Morocco, Iraq, Tunisia, Sudan, Somalia, Djibouti, Mauritania, Kuwait, North Yemen and Jordan.

Women's delegation returns from Iraq

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation of Jordanian women returned to Amman Thursday evening at the end of a visit to Iraq. The delegation, led by Mrs Haifa Al Basri discussed with members of the Iraqi women federation ways for enabling Jordanian women to extend support to Iraq's war efforts. During the visit the delegation looked into Iraqi women's activities in various governorates and also visited wounded Iraqi soldiers and families of Iraqi martyrs. Mrs. Bashir said.

General Hassan Nabulsi.

He said in a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra that the participants will look into Jordan's cooperative systems and the achievements of Jordanian development in various fields especially the agricultural sector and into the problems facing farming as well as ways to overcome them.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

* Saudi paintings, at the Palace of Culture, Al Hussein Sports City.

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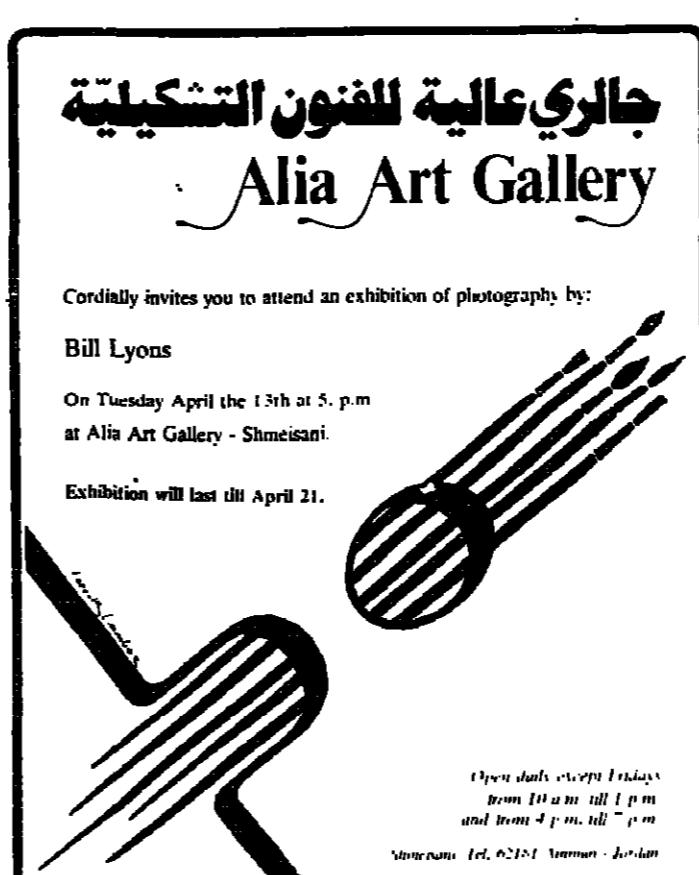
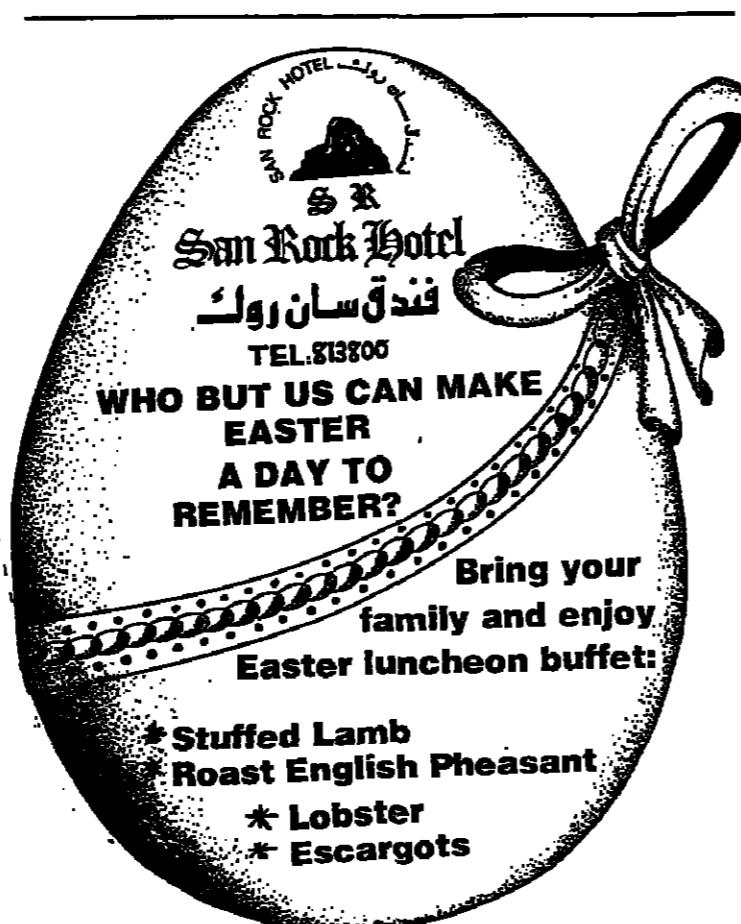
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West joins Soviets in satellite project

MOSCOW (A.P.) — The United States, Canada and France are joining the Soviet Union in a multi-million dollar joint satellite project to help find plane crash survivors and people lost at sea.

Planners, who met here this week, say hundreds of lives could be saved every year once the system is operational. The first satellite is to be launched this summer.

A Western expert said the system will enable monitors to pinpoint almost instantaneously the location of a downed plane or a disabled ship, instead of spending hours searching for it.

"The new system should take

the 'search' out of 'search-and-rescue,'" he said.

According to the Soviet press, 350 to 400 large ships sink every year, including some that simply disappear with their crews without a trace.

The project is expected to go ahead as planned, despite major political disagreements that have led to a cutback in scientific exchanges between the United States and Soviet Union. Organisers from the four countries said their talks had gone well.

The Soviet Union is scheduled to send its first "rescue" satellite into orbit in July, and a U.S. satellite, with French and Canadian

equipment on board, is expected to be launched early in 1983. A five-month test period is anticipated, but an expert said, the satellites could play a part in saving lives as soon as they go into orbit and ground stations are working.

The head of the American delegation, Tom McGunigal, of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, said the United States had allocated \$29 million for the first phase of the project. France set aside \$22 million and Canada about \$13 million. The head of the Soviet delegation, Yuri Zurabov, did not specify how much the Soviets had spent when

asked by a Western correspondent.

The satellites are to be equipped with special receivers and sent into a low orbit, where they will be able to "listen" to distress transmissions from ships and planes equipped with radio beacons.

Once a signal is received, it will be relayed to a network of ground stations. The radio wave monitored at ground stations should vary according to the relative location of the satellite, flying in a fixed orbit, and the origin of the distress signal. This, the experts say, will enable them to determine the location of the ship or plane in distress.

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trade futures based on Standard and Poor's 500-stock index.

Scurrying about for its own stock market index, the CBT officials hit on the New York Stock Exchange index, and to get it they began negotiating a deal for an electronic linkage with the unsuccessful NYFE, an offshoot of the New York Stock Exchange.

However, last month (March) the Chicago Board's governing body reportedly adopted a proposal, approved by its legal staff, to submit a contract which would "mirror" the Dow Jones, to be called by another name. Should this proposal go forward, the entire Chicago Board rescue of NYFE could be dead. It was an unpopular plan among the traders who agreed to it only to get the NYFE index.

On another front — marketing, advertising and promotion — the Board of Trade has been lagging behind its younger competitor. "The CBT is just getting around to understanding the importance of marketing," says Mr. Lee Rose, publisher of Futures Industry Newsletter. "It has essentially been split into two factions. The old guard which is content with the *status quo* and a younger group of more aggressive individuals who believe that the Merc has grown in areas that should have been the province of the CBT."

The Merc, he says, is "creeping" on the Board of Trade with innovative ideas and new contracts attracting business and floor traders.

Both exchanges have been undergoing organisational changes in preparation for expansion of contracts and the options programme, expected to begin in the summer.

The Merc, once again ahead of its rival, has its plan in place. It has approved a new division, the Index and Options Market (IOM) with 200 seats it is selling at \$60,000 each. Each of the 500 full exchange members and the 650 members of the International Monetary Market Division, where

financials and gold are traded, will receive full trading privileges on the IOM and the right to buy one of the new seats for \$30,000. Under the plan, the CME's Associated Mercantile Market Division will be eliminated, and timber will be moved to the new division.

A controversial CBT expansion plan must still be approved by its membership, who fear it will dilute the value of their seats.

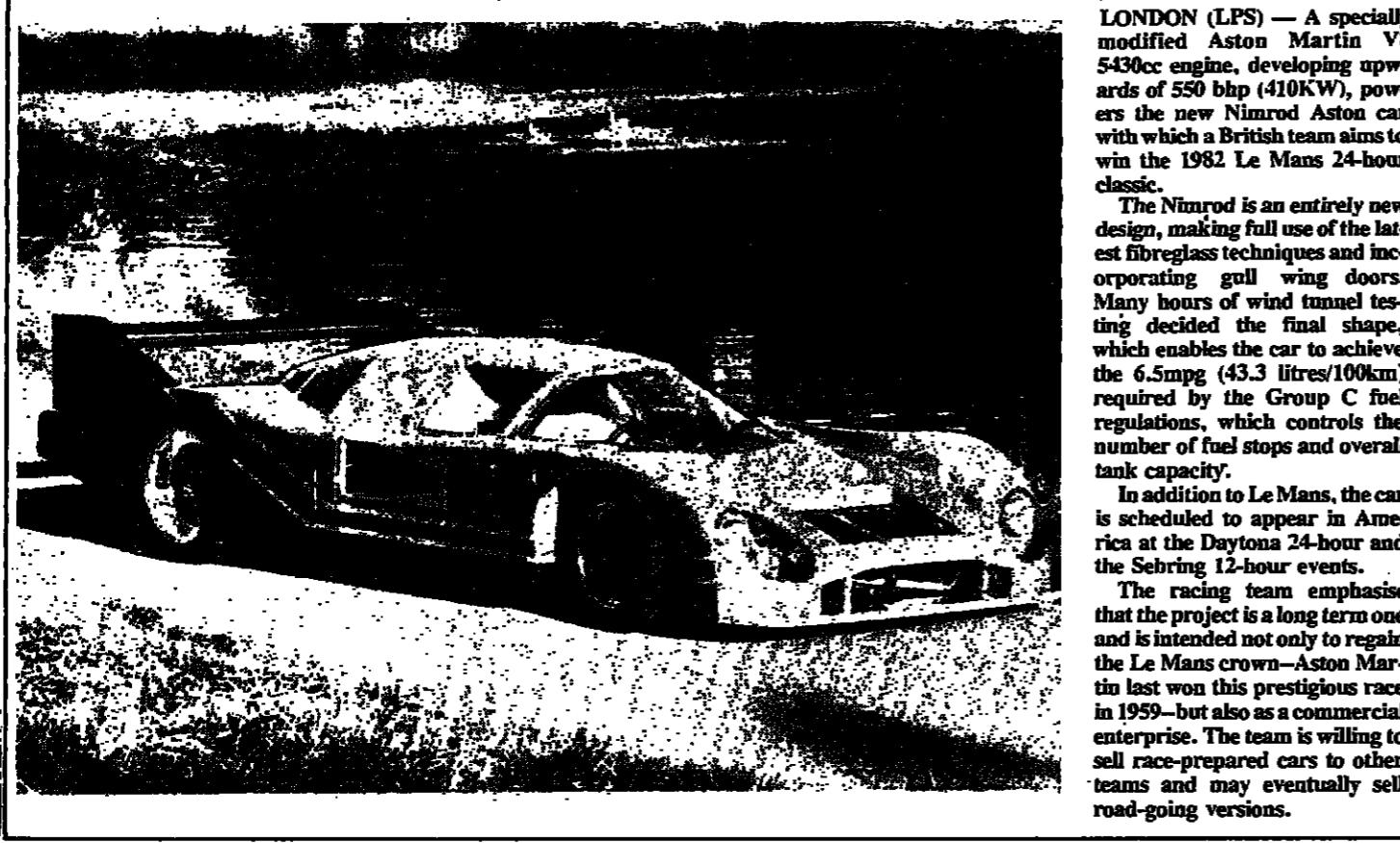
If it is passed, each futures contract will be grouped in one of four markets. The Agricultural Associated Market (AAM), the Government Instrument Market (GIMO), Index, Debt and Equity Market (IDEM) and Commodity Options Market (COM). Members and associate members will receive fractional "membership interests" which they can trade among themselves. Once these interests are accumulated to whole seats, they can be sold to new members.

The rivalries in the commodity trading world are many. It is speculators against hedgers, floor people against brokers, the U.S. against the London markets. All of which brings into question the future of the new Bermuda Electronic Exchange. Intex, scheduled to open on June 17, its organisers now have five committees hard at work on systems design, contracts, membership, regulations and clearinghouse relations, and the exchange reportedly has much support among brokers who want to see a market operate without the interference of floortraders.

Meanwhile the CBT has opened its new trading floor, part of an impressive \$178 million addition to its headquarters. So far, it has been plagued by telephone and acoustical problems with the traders complaining that the noise is so loud they cannot hear each other. Some have had to dull the roar by wearing ear phones, using hand signals exclusively.

— Financial Times news feature

Aston Martin returns to the race circuit



LONDON (LPS) — A specially modified Aston Martin V8 5430cc engine, developing upwards of 550 bhp (410KW), powers the new Nimrod Aston car with which a British team aims to win the 1982 Le Mans 24-hour classic.

The Nimrod is an entirely new design, making full use of the latest fibreglass techniques and incorporating gull wing doors. Many hours of wind tunnel testing decided the final shape, which enables the car to achieve the 6.5mpg (43.3 litres/100km) required by the Group C fuel regulations, which controls the number of fuel stops and overall tank capacity.

In addition to Le Mans, the car is scheduled to appear in America at the Daytona 24-hour and the Sebring 12-hour events.

The racing team emphasise that the project is a long term one and is intended not only to regain the Le Mans crown—Aston Martin last won this prestigious race in 1959—but also as a commercial enterprise. The team is willing to sell race-prepared cars to other teams and may eventually sell road-going versions.

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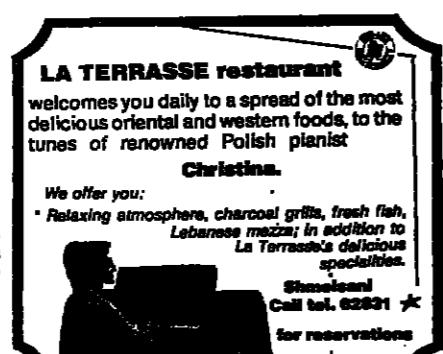
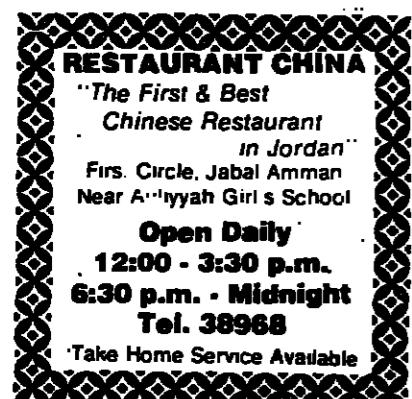
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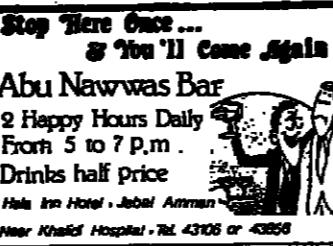
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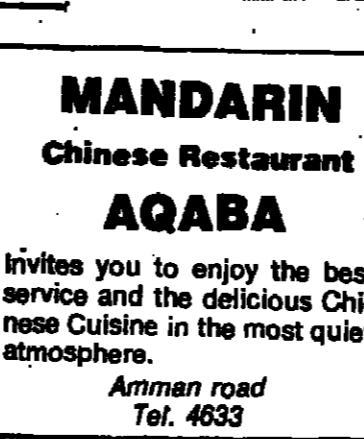
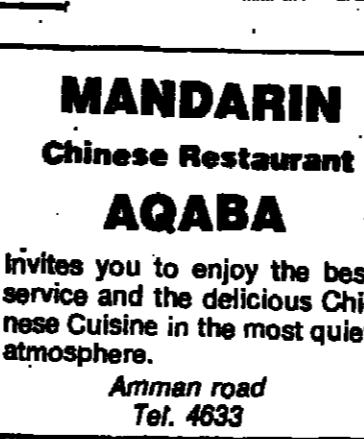
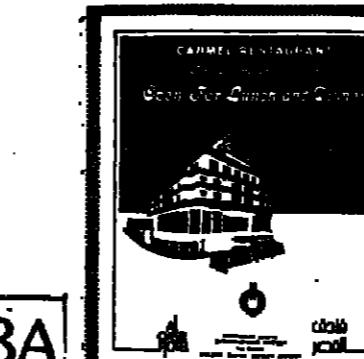
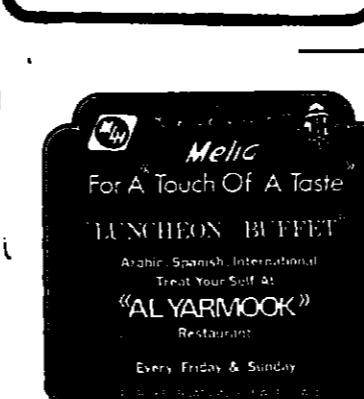
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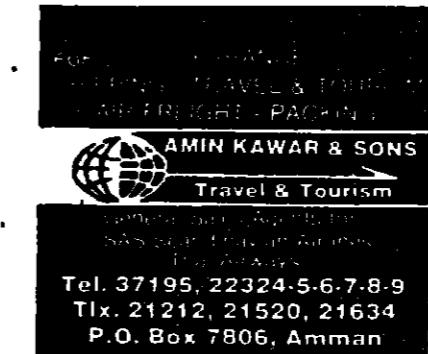
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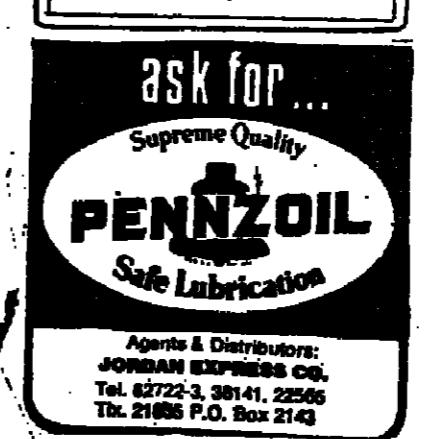
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SPORTS

Liverpool presents Paisley with American Bill Rodgers seeks the perfect get-well present

LONDON (R) — English soccer championship favourites Liverpool came up with the perfect get-well present for manager Bob Paisley, in bed with pleurisy, when they beat West Bromwich 1-0 at home Saturday.

But Paisley's team, with nine successive wins behind them, also looked decidedly off-colour at times until Scottish international Kenny Dalglish came up with the perfect cure with a superb goal in the 70th minute.

With closest challengers Ipswich and Swans both winning comfortably at home, there was no change at the top of the table although Tottenham saw their title ambitions evaporate when they were beaten 3-0 at Manchester United, who stay fourth.

Liverpool remain well in front with 72 points from 35 games, five points in front of Ipswich and six ahead of Swans, who have played one game more than the two pace-setters.

Ipswich and Swans both won 2-0 against Stoke and Manchester City respectively.

West Bromwich goalkeeper Mark Grew threatened to throw the championship race wide open when he defied Liverpool with a succession of breathtaking saves.

But he was eventually beaten

when Dalglish exchanged passes with fullback Alan Kennedy before curling a sweet shot low into the corner of the net.

Ipswich had less trouble breaking down the Stoke defence and took the lead after 37 minutes when England World Cup hopeful Paul Mariner powered home a glorious header from a George Burley cross. Scottish midfielder John Wark added the second in the 89th minute.

England goalkeeper Joe Corrigan was missing from the Manchester City goal at Swans' following his recent terrors — he let in nine goals in City's last two games.

But replacement Alex Williams was also out of luck. In the 12th minute he allowed a speculative 40-metre shot from fullback Gary Stanley to squirm through his fingers and across the line. Bob Latchford put the result beyond doubt when he made the score 2-0 in the 36th minute.

Tottenham defender Paul Price will forever look back in anguish on his side's defeat at Manchester United which leaves the London club 14 points adrift of Liverpool with just three games in hand.

Price conceded a needless penalty in the 65th minute, from which Steve Coppell shot United

ahead, then blundered badly three minutes from time, allowing teenager Scott McGarvey to score his first League goal.

Long-time leaders Southampton joined United on the 62-point mark with a 3-1 win at Leeds, who took an 80-second lead through Frank Worthington.

Stung by that reversal, Southampton slammed in three goals in the space of 28 minutes.

If Keegan's form brought a smile to the face of England Manager Ron Greenwood, there was bad news in West Ham's 1-0 defeat at Coventry. Central defender Alvin Martin, who returned to the West Ham side only six weeks ago after a broken shoulder, was carried off with a fractured collarbone.

Borg, Vilas to meet in Tokyo final

TOKYO (A.P.) — Sweden's Bjorn Borg, five-time Wimbledon champion, and Argentina's Guillermo Vilas will meet in the final Sunday for the Suntory Cup men's tennis match's \$110,000 first prize. The runnerup will receive \$70,000.

The 25-year-old Swedish star defeats American actor Tennis player, Vincent Van Patten 5-7, 6-4, 6-3 Saturday in the first match to qualify for the final.

In the second match, played before 12,300 spectators at the Tokyo Olympic pool stadium, Vilas beat American John McEnroe, the world's top ranked player, 6-4, 6-4.

McEnroe and Van Patten will battle for the third spot and \$40,000 prize money.

BOSTON (R) — Bill Rodgers will seek a fifth victory in the Boston Marathon on Monday but to be successful he will have to beat fellow-American Alberto Salazar.

Rodgers, 34, has been below his best form for several months while Cuban-born Salazar, 23, winner of the New York City Marathon for the past two years, is going well.

Salazar and Rodgers will be members of a field of 8,000 runners who will cross the starting line at noon (1700 GMT) on Monday. Patriot's Day in Massachusetts. An estimated one million spectators will cheer them along the 26-mile 385-yard (42.195 kilometre) route.

Other leading contenders are Finland's Haken Spilki and Mexico's Dimitrio Cabanillas an American Dick Beardis, joint winner of the inaugural London Marathon last year and Bobby Hodge.

Grete Waitz of Norway, outstanding among women long-distance runners, makes her Boston Marathon debut. Her rivals include Canadian Jacqueline Gauvin, the 1980 women's winner after Rosie Ruiz was disqualified for not running the entire distance.

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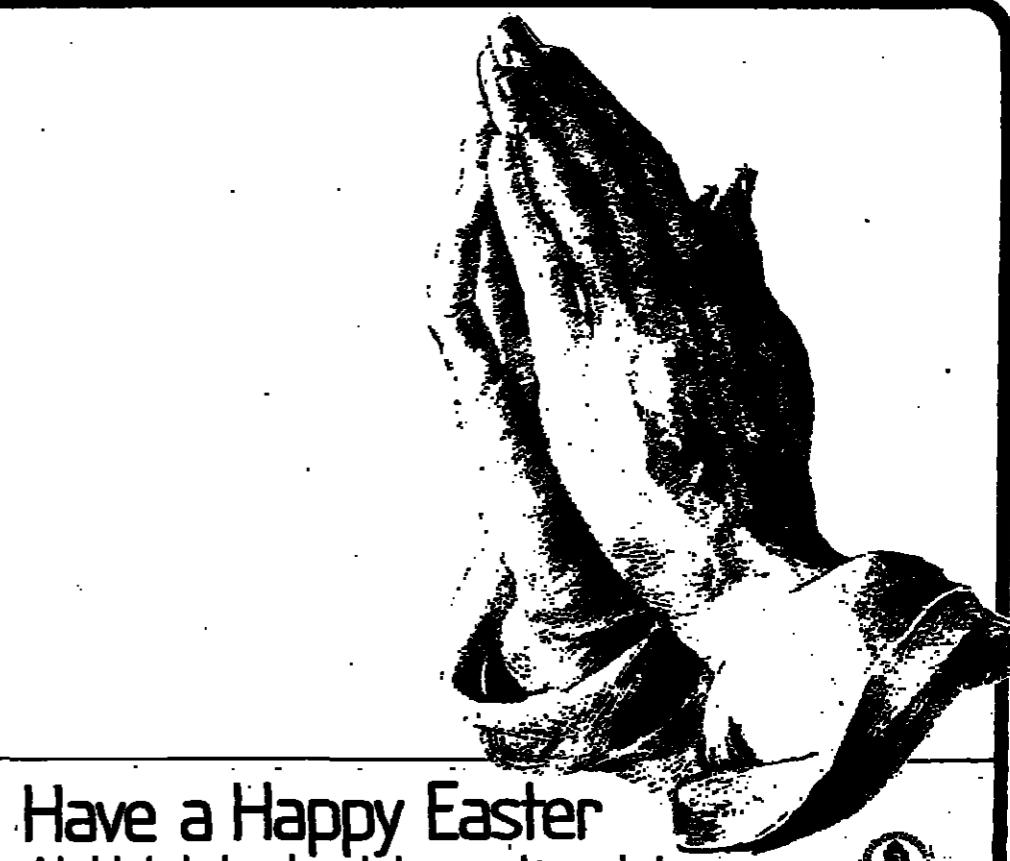
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'When planning for disaster don't forget the dog'

Spend only \$90, get prepared for apocalypse

By Simon Alterman
Reuter

CHICAGO—While Moscow and Washington toss different proposals for nuclear arms control at each other, a company in Texas is trying to prepare people in case the day comes when the missiles themselves start flying.

"No one likes to think of nuclear devastation... but you must do it now... tomorrow may be too late. Will you be prepared for the apocalypse?" an advertisement asks.

For \$89.89, total survival, a division of Lone Star industrial specialists, incorporated, will send you a nuclear protection suit, a radioactive dust respirator, heavy-duty goggles and gloves.

The offer appears in a magazine called *Survive*, in which articles and advertisements cater for every conceivable post-nuclear war need: Where to go, what to wear, what to eat and, at great length, what weapons to arm yourself with.

"I do not want a nuclear war. But if, God forbid, there is one, I want as many Americans as possible to live through it," *Survive's* Managing Editor, Robert Himmer, said in a telephone interview from the magazine's offices in Boulder, Colorado.

And not only people, it would appear.

"When planning for disaster, don't forget the dog," an item in the latest issue advises. "A California company, Country Roads... has begun production of a dehydrated dog food that is packed in pressurised nitrogen and is guaranteed for 20 years.

"Though marketed primarily as a post-nuclear war item, the dog food is also good for other emergencies like earthquakes or the master's unemployment."

Survive was started last year by millionaire businessman Robert Brown, the publisher of the magazine *Soldier of Fortune*.

"That deals with weapons and mercenaries. It's a lot more political, anti-communist and paramilitary than *survive*," Mr. Himmer said, adding the two publications are independent.

However, his editorials have a hawkish tone too. "History has taught us that the Soviets usually mistake kindness for weakness. Let peace through strength be our common goal."

Survive, which is purchased every two months by about 80,000 "survivalists," is not exclusively concerned with the aftermath of nuclear war. It also covers areas such as mountaineering and camping, natural disasters and socio-

economic collapse.

The main thrust of the magazine's editorial content, however, is a campaign to put U.S. Civil Defence on a par with the comprehensive Soviet system, the subject of a two-part article in recent issues.

The question of whether a nuclear war could be survived has been a touchy subject with the Reagan administration. Officials, including the president himself, have made comments suggesting they believed a nuclear war could be won.

At his most recent press conference did Mr. Reagan say for the first time that there could be no winners.

However, the president has proposed almost doubling the U.S. Civil Defence budget for next year, from \$133 million to \$22 million, a move applauded by *Survive*.

But this would only increase spending per person from 50 cents to one dollar and 10 cents, compared to \$20 per head in the Soviet Union," Mr. Himmer said.

The Civil Defence plans themselves, calling for relocating city dwellers in safer areas if a nuclear war is threatened, have come under fire.

Critics say most cities cannot cope with the rush hour, let alone a pre-attack evacuation with its attendant panic.

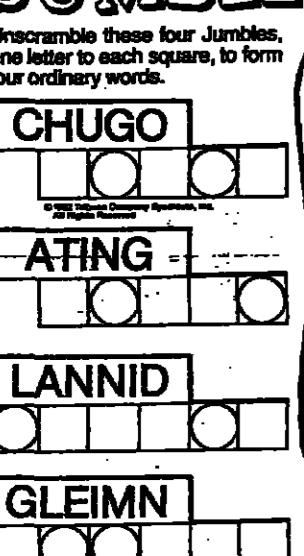
They doubt, too, that officials will have the four days they say are needed to complete the evasions.

Even noted survivalists Bruce Clayton, writing in the magazine, was sceptical about such "crisis relocation plans."

"Civil Defence professionals (and survivalists) half-heartedly joke that the only effect of these

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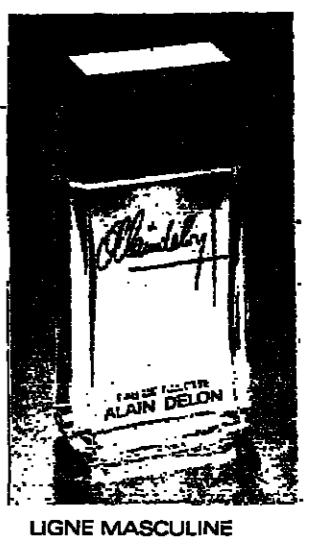
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YOUR DAILY Horoscope

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: A beautiful day for meditation and studying a philosophy of life under which to operate in the days ahead. Take time to make plans that could give you more abundance.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Talks over with loved one how to better relations and more happiness in the future. Exercise your good judgment.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You have to be more sensible where practical plans are concerned to gain your most cherished aims. Be logical.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Plan what to do for those who have done you favors and show your appreciation. Plan time for personal pleasure.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Engage in a new kind of recreation that will bring you more pleasure today. Strive for increased happiness.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Contact friends and discuss important plans you have in mind. Be more precise in handling your personal affairs.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A new approach at new ideas will make them work more successfully for you. Allow time for recreational activities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Make those changes in your environment that will be helpful to your welfare. Take no risks with your reputation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Good day to analyze what you most want to achieve in the future and make plans to carry through successfully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Study every facet of your life and then gain advice from advisers you trust. Express happiness with closest tie.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Attend to regular routines early in the day so you'll have more time for recreation later. Be more cheerful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Taking part in public affairs can prove most satisfying and interesting today. Make this a worthwhile day.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Your hunches are accurate now, so be sure to follow them. Allow time to engage in favorite hobby with congenials.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will have an uncanny knack for coming up with the truth in any given situation but could be harsh in judgment unless taught early in life to have more compassion for others. Politics would be a good field here.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

FORECAST FOR MONDAY, APR. 19, 1982

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from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You are able to work out a better financial arrangement early in the day. Later you become more interested in the social side of life. Make sure your activities are well organized.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Tackle every angle of a difficult problem in the morning and get excellent results. Cut down on expenses wherever you can.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Know what your true aims are and then go after them in a positive way. Show more interest in outside events.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Get together with associates and make plans to be more productive in the future. Improve your appearance.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You need a more worldly viewpoint if you wish to expand in career activities at this time. Be alert.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Contact good friends who can assist you in gaining your most cherished wishes. Be wise and careful in spending your money.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Morning is best for widening your vistas and gaining your aims. Later confer with influential person for support you need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Handle important business affairs early in the day so you'll have time to study new projects later. Think constructively.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Come to a better understanding with associates and cooperate more with them. Keep commitments you have made.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Get busy at work ahead of you and gain benefits. You are able to make rapid progress at this time. Be wise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Talks with associates can produce excellent results at this time. Exercise more patience in handling a civic matter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Don't neglect to look into new interests that are appealing to you. Show more affection for family members.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Have those talks with allies and plan how to become more successful in the days ahead. Make this a most productive day.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be one who can easily gain the right perspective in business matters, so send to the right schools and this can become a successful and happy life. Teach early in life to be more understanding of others.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

WORLD

Gandhi to be in Riyadh today

JEDDAH (A.P.) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India arrived Saturday for a four-day visit and economic cooperation talks with Saudi Arabia's leaders.

India's main suppliers of crude oil. She was to proceed to Riyadh, the Saudi capital, Sunday for meetings with Crown Prince Fahd, trade and oil officials.

The talks will deal mainly with ways of reducing India's trade deficit with Saudi Arabia, estimated at \$290 million.

It was the first visit to the kingdom by an Indian prime minister in 26 years, since the late Jawaharlal Nehru, Mrs. Gandhi's father, visited here in 1956.

Sources said the visit will culminate in the setting up of a joint Saudi-Indian commission that would hold annual meetings to promote economic, scientific and technological cooperation.

Mrs. Gandhi was accompanied by her Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee, two ministers of state, her son Rajiv, and trade officials.

During the visit, Mrs. Gandhi is to have meetings with the Indian communities in Jeddah and Riyadh, where some 120,000 Indian workers are engaged in construction projects.

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Rao arrives in Japan

TOKYO (A.P.) — External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao of India arrived in Japan Saturday for a five-day visit which will include talks with his Japanese counterpart, Foreign Minister Yoshiro Sakurai, Prime Minister Zenzo Suzuki and other government and business leaders.

Mr. Rao was greeted at the airport in Osaka by Eikichi Hara, Japan's ambassador to India, Foreign Ministry officials and Indian businessmen. He was to attend a welcoming reception hosted by the Indian community in western Japan Saturday night. About 900 Indians live in the Osaka area.

Mr. Rao is due in Tokyo Sunday via express train after touring Nara, Japan's ancient capital. Foreign ministry officials said he and Mr. Sakurai will exchange views on the international situation.

On India-Japan relations, the officials said, "there are no particular pending issues" except for the prospect of expanding economic ties. They referred to joint production of cars in India as an example for future collaboration.

Japan's Suzuki Motor Co. was reported last Wednesday to have reached an agreement to produce small cars jointly with the Indian government-owned Maruti Udgati Ltd.



Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi waves goodbye Saturday before boarding a plane for a four-day official visit to Saudi Arabia.

(A.P. Wirephoto)

spaper Al-Riyadh, Mrs. Gandhi said that Middle East peace proposals announced by Prince Fahd last August constituted a new hope for a settlement. India, which has granted full diplomatic (PLO) recognition to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), had cordial and close relations with Arab countries, she said.

The prime minister said she regretted the continuing war between Iran and Iraq, two non-aligned nations which, she said, India regards as friendly countries.

Mrs. Gandhi was met at Jeddah airport by Prince Majid Ibn Abdulla, governor of Mecca province. She was due to visit a water desalination plant in this Red Sea port city Saturday.

She will be given a ceremonial welcome in Riyadh tomorrow. Her programme there includes a banquet given by King Khalid, a meeting with the Indian community and watching a horse race.

Mrs. Gandhi, whose country is a founding member of the Non-

Salvadorean right studies moderate for presidency

SAN SALVADOR (R) — El Salvador's rightist parties are considering picking their most moderate leader to be the country's interim president, party sources said Saturday.

They said leaders of the ultra-right National Republican Alliance (ARENA) and the Conservative National Conciliation Party (PCN) met privately last night to consider naming business man Raul Molina as their

1000 Poles fired since martial law

WARSAW (A.P.) — Polish authorities have reportedly ousted another 59 state and local officials, bringing the number of people swept out of office in a post-martial law house cleaning to 1,000.

Among the 59 officials relieved or reassigned in March were one provincial governor, four deputy governors, a mayor and 13 rural administration chiefs, the Polish news agency PAP reported Saturday.

Since premier and Communist Party chief Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski declared martial law and launched a campaign to review administrators and factory managers across Poland, some 1,022 officials have lost their posts.

About 760 lost positions between Dec. 13, the start of martial law, and the end January, while 203 were fired from local and state administration and enterprises in February, according to PAP reports.

Reasons for dismissals cover such things as improper execution of duties, loss of ability to carry out their assignments, violation of the law and in some cases drunkenness, PAP reported.

Bad management, improper decision-making and corruption have been blamed for part of Poland's economic crisis. The authorities have vowed to end such practices.

Gentlemen: In a recent game, East-West let North-South make five spades despite the fact that there are three top losers. West led the jack of hearts and East signaled with the seven as dummy won the ace. West won the spade lead from dummy with the ace and continued a heart. Declarer made the rest of the tricks.

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We find that South, and he alone, did nothing wrong, although we would have opened his hand one club in order to show both suits as economically as possible. Despite the fact that North held five trumps, he has a

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GOREN BRIDGE

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Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♦ Q9832
♥ A64
♦ Q97
♦ 84
WEST EAST
♦ A7 ♦ 4
© KJ1098 ♦ Q752
♦ JS65 ♦ AK104
♦ J10 ♦ 7532
SOUTH
♦ KJ1065
♦ 3
♦ 32
♦ AKQ96
The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♦ 2 ♠ 4 ♦ 5 ♥
5 ♦ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Jack of ♠

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Aligned Movement, has always denied that her government is tilting towards Moscow.

In an interview with the Al-Riyadh published Saturday, she said she was neither pro-Soviet, nor anti-U.S., but acted only in her country's interest.

However, news of her forthcoming trip to Washington surprised political commentators in New Delhi, who said it amounted to something of a breakthrough in Indo-Soviet relations.

Mrs. Gandhi also said that in response to repeated requests she would go to the Soviet Union in June, probably combining the trip with an already arranged tour of Scandinavian nations.

The arrests were made on the eve of a visit to Bologna by Pope John Paul II. He will stop at the rebuilt station and lead prayers for the victims during his visit Sunday.

The sources, who declined use of their names, said the investigation by Bologna magistrates was still under way and that no details on the names of the suspects or the specific charges would

be released immediately.

Police nab 4 Bologna suspects

BOLOGNA, Italy (A.P.) — Police arrested four suspects in connection with the August 1980 terrorist bombing that killed 85 people at the Bologna railroad station, judicial sources reported Saturday.

Italian newspaper reports said

the four belonged to right-wing extremist groups and were picked up Friday in raids in Rome, Milan and Bologna, Italy's leading daily.

Corriere della Sera of Milan, said

police may have made their first

break in the case.

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The New China News Agency said China and Romania agreed to explore possibilities for cooperation in the fields of oil, metallurgy, coal, electric power, engineering, chemical, light industry and agriculture.

No details were available on the

nuclear cooperation accord, but the Chinese, who have nuclear

weapons and atomic reactors for

research and military purposes,

want to develop a commercial nuclear power programme.

Mr. Ceausescu held talks with

Chairman Hu Yaobang, Vice-

Chairman Deng Xiaoping and

Premier Zhao Ziang during his visit

and agreed to develop Sino-

Romanian ties further.

Despite being in prison, Mr. Ecevit has not been officially arrested because under Turkish law a person is not technically arrested until formal charges are approved by a court. Also, a suspect can be held by police for 45 days without charges.

The lawyers, who asked that

their names not be used, said the

military prosecutor charged Mr. Ecevit with "injuring Turkey's

reputation abroad" through dis-

semination of false and malicious

news in foreign countries. That

offence is punishable with a min-

imum prison term of five years.

Mr. Ecevit was taken into cus-

tody last Saturday. The following

Monday a military judge rejected

the prosecutor's request for his

arrest.

But martial law commanders or

military prosecutors can appeal

one judge's decision and seek an

arrest order from another court in

the district.

According to the lawyers

the charges against Mr. Ecevit this

time stem from an alleged inter-

view he gave to a Norwegian

newspaper. Mr. Ecevit has denied hav-

ing given such an interview, the

lawyers said.

But the task force will have to blockade the skies as well as the seas

to completely cut off the Argentine troops, who have been supplied by air since Britain declared a 200-mile "war zone" around the Falklands last Monday.

It is relying on at least two nuclear-powered hunter-killer sub-

marines, armed with conventional

Tigerfish torpedoes, to enforce the

blockade until the task force arrives, probably in a week to 10 days

time.

With the fleet will come air power and Britain's defence chiefs may

then declare the skies around the Falklands a "no-go" zone.

The two carriers spearheading the task force, Hermes and Invincible, have 20 Harrier jump-jets and the defence ministry said this

week it was shipping out extra Harriers. It did not say exactly how

many, merely that they would nearly double the number available.

The government chartered a large container ship to transport the

Harriers and brought an assault ship, the 12,000-ton Intrepid, out of

mothballs to join the task force.

Intrepid and Fearless, its sister ship which is already in the task

force, would play a vital role in any amphibious landing.

Gales and storms

Defence experts say the navy could be in for a rough time main-

taining the blockade because the Falklands are frequently lashed

with fierce gales and storms.

Military strategists say the first move to cut off the main Argentine

garrison could be to bomb the only airfield, a 4,000-ft (1,200-metre)

runway close to the capital Port Stanley.

It would give the British fleet a measure of air supremacy if

Argentine fighters could not land in the Falklands.

Analysts say the Argentine air force could not operate effectively

over the Falklands from the mainland some 400 miles away because

most of its planes had a restricted range and could not spend long

over the islands before having to refuel.

If the British Harriers have control over the Falklands, the analysts

say, they could destroy Argentine armour on the islands to pave the

way for an amphibious landing.

Argentine forces had been reported to be extending the runway

to handle bigger transport planes and serve as a base for Mirage

interceptors which could threaten the British fleet.

But two British air force technicians, allowed to remain in Port

Stanley for 11 days after the takeover, returned home to tell in-

elligence chiefs the runway was not being lengthened.